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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ROBERT MCKAY, FORMER DEAN OF NYU LAW
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REF: MOSCOW 05674

1. ROBERT MCKAY, FORMER DEAN OF NYU LAW SCHOOL AND CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF ASPEN INSTITUTE'S JUSTICE PROGRAM, WILL BE VISITING MOSCOW FROM APRIL 10-13 AND APR. 16-19 AND TBILISI FROM APR. 13-15. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY NEW YORK LAWYER ERIC RAYMOND.
 2. MCKAY CALLED ON MARSHALL SHULMAN (WHO IS A PERSONAL FRIEND) AND EUR/SOV RECENTLY. HE DESCRIBED HIS TRIP AS FOLLOW-ON TO VISITS BY ADRIAN DEWIND AND ORVILLE SCHELL (REFTTEL) AS PART OF EFFORT BY AMERICAN LAWYERS AND AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY TO HAVE A PRESENCE IN USSR DURING PERIOD BEFORE SHCHARANSKIY TRIAL. MCKAY HOPES TO SEE ARBATOV, OVIR CHIEF ZOTOV, APRAKSIN AND OTHER LEGAL OFFICIALS.
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MCKAY WILL NOT BILL HIS VISITS AS DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH SHCHARANSKIY, BUT WILL BRING UP AMERICAN CONCERNS AS A RELATED MATTER. HE WILL BE PREPARED TO FOLLOW UP ON SCHELL'S IDEA OF US-SOVIET LEGAL EXCHANGES, IN TERMS OF ASPEN INSTITUTE'S PROGRAMS AND AS MATTER OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION INTEREST.

3. MCKAY AND RAYMOND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY
SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL AND WILL ASK TO SEE AMBASSADOR OR
DCM AT SOME POINT DURING VISIT. WE ARE INFORMING SOVIET
EMBASSY OF HIS TRIP AND WILL APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE
EMBASSY MOSCOW CAN EXTEND. VANCE

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